COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FLOOD PROTECTION CORRIDOR PROGRAM SANTA MARIA CREEK

Office of The Nature Conservancy San Diego August 28, 2003 and 4:30 p.m. September 3, 2003

Fifteen members of the public and representatives of interested parties attended the 8/28 meeting. Nobody attended the 9/3 continuation of the hearing.

Wildlife Research presented 2053 signatures in support of the project. Chamber of Commerce (Ramona?) prepared a Feasibility Study in support of the project. Ramona Community Planning Group San Diego River Valley supports the project.

Vernal Pool Society – Ramona Vernal Pool Preserve would like to coordinate with County of San Diego and the City of San Diego on infrastructure impacts.

Increased requirements by insurance companies for more clearing of native plants for fire protection pose increased challenges for erosion control.

Project area is not in a natural condition. Grazing has helped birds. Restoration should focus on what exists currently, not on what we think should be there.

Cattle are part of the problem.

Department of Water Resources received 26 letters of support for the project.